

Reform Initiative Changes Announced

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WASHINGTON — DoD officials are already making changes to conform with the directives of the Defense Reform Initiative.

Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre has signed memos directing studies, realigning agencies, and shifting responsibilities. The most far-reaching effort announced so far entails a one-third reduction in the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff over the next 18 months. Hamre ordered a downsizing plan in a memo to Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Directors.

"The plan should describe organizational and functional realignments necessary to implement the reform initiatives," the memo reads. Other actions include:

- Appointing Larry Lynn, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, to head a team looking to establish a Defense Threat Reduction and Treaty Compliance Agency.

The new agency will merge the Defense Special Weapons Agency; the On-Site Inspection Agency; the Defense Technical Security Administration; the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs; the Office of the Deputy Director Arms Control Implementation and Compliance; and the Office of the Director Strategic and Tactical Systems.

- Transferring the Defense Technical Information Center from the Defense Logistics Agency to the Defense Information Systems Agency. Further, the memo directs the information agency to study contracting out the services of the center.
- Renaming the Defense Investigative Service the Defense Security Service. The organization expanded its role, merging with the DoD Polygraph Institute, the Personnel Security Research Center, and the DoD Security Institute.
- Transferring the Defense Privacy Office from the Office of the Director, Administration and Management, to the Washington Headquarters Services.
- Transferring the Directorate for Freedom of Information and Security Review from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs to Washington Headquarters Services.

More Defense Reform Initiative memos will be signed in the coming weeks, Pentagon officials said.

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